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## NEWS RELEASE

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### CIVIL AIR PATROL MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

LA HABRA, CA – Civil Air Patrol members from the North Orange County Composite Squadron 56 were recognized for their achievements at their annual awards dinner, held July 30<sup>th</sup>. The awards dinner was attended by thirty five members of Squadron 56, their families, and honored guests.

The highest honor of the evening was the announcement of the Squadron 56 member of the year, 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Ira Rosenberg. Rosenberg had previously served as the interim Squadron Commander. He is an active member of Squadron 56, and serves as Finance Officer. "I'm glad that I was able to help the squadron in its time of need" says Rosenberg. The members of Squadron 56 congratulate Rosenberg on receiving this honor.

Three Squadron 56 members were also recognized for significant contributions. Chaplain (Maj.) Charles Ingram was awarded the Group 7 Chaplain of the Year award. 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Dana Rosenberg received the Group 7 Safety Officer of the Year award. Senior Member Chris Storey was recognized as the Group 7 Public Affairs Officer of the Year. These awards were presented by Capt. Mark Criswell, Group 7 Commander. "Squadron 56 has come a long way in a very short time." said Criswell. "It was great to see the members who have helped revitalize the unit receive recognition."

Maj. David Boehm, Squadron Commander, announced the promotion of Daniel Gwaltney to the rank of Capt. Gwaltney serves as Deputy Commander for cadets. Boehm was also pleased to announce SM Chris Storey as the recipient of the Squadron 56 Commander's Award for his support and dedication to the squadron.

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The newest member of Squadron 56, Senior Member Allen Tabrizi, was recognized for completing Level I training. Boehm also presented Certificates of Recognition to Dana Rosenberg, 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Roger Woodcock, 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Jack Barth, and 1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Marion Rosenberg. These certificates were in recognition of the support given to the squadron this past year.

Lt. Col. Virginia Nelson, Deputy California Wing Commander, was one of the honored guests. Nelson, who began her Civil Air Patrol career as a Squadron 56 cadet, has many fond memories of Squadron 56. "Seeing old friends and meeting new members was a pleasure. Major Boehm and his staff are doing a wonderful job."

"We've come so far in such a short time" says Boehm. "From 5 people in February to 35 people showing up at a pot luck in July. That shows great support for Civil Air Patrol and Squadron 56 in North Orange County."

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